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1. SUMMARY. TWO NOTES AND LETTER AMENDING LEASE READY FOR SIGNATURE; FOREIGN MINISTER WANTS TO SIGN JUNE 27 OR 28. HE HAS PROPOSED NEW BUT NOT SIGNIFICANTLY DIFFERENT LANGUAGE FOR PRESS RELEASE. ONLY REAL PROBLEM IN SIGNING SCENARIO IS LAST MINUTE DOD ANNOUNCEMENT THAT LEASE AMENDMENTS MUST REST WITH CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEE MORE THAN PRESCRIBED THIRTY DAY PERIOD. END SUMMARY.

2. TWO CONVERSATIONS WITH FOREIGN MINISTER JUNE 25 HAVE PREPARED WAY FOR EARLY SIGNING OF TWO NOTES OF AGREEMENT AND LETTER AMENDING LEASE. FONMIN WOULD LIKE TO EXCHANGE  
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NOTES JUNE 27 OR 28. WHILE YEARS OF EXPERIENCE IN SEMITIC WORLD PRECLUDE GUARANTEE AGAINST ELEVENTH HOUR HITCHES, I BELIEVE TEXTS CONTAINED PARAS 7 - 9 (INCLUDING CHANGES REQUESTED STATE 147098) ARE ONES WE WILL SIGN. FONMIN HAS PROPOSED NEW BUT NOT SIGNIFICANTLY DIFFERENT LANGUAGE FOR PRESS RELEASE. REQUEST DEPT APPROVE ASAP NEW LANGUAGE IN PARA SIX BELOW.

3. ONLY HOOKER IN SIGNING SCENARIO IS LAST MINUTE DOD ANNOUNCEMENT (CNO 242306Z JUNE 77) THAT THIRTY DAY ARRANGEMENT WORKED OUT BETWEEN NAVY AND CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEES (STATE 128564) HAS BECOME IRRELEVANT BECAUSE DOD NOT PREPARED TO INVOKE THIRTY DAY RULE. WHILE I INTEND TO HAVE ALL THREE DOCUMENTS SIGNED AT ONCE -- TO PRECLUDE OTHER SIDE FROM SLICING ANY UNSIGNED SALAMI ANY THINNER -- I AM PREPARED TO HAVE LEASE AMENDMENT LETTER SIGNED WITH UNDERSTANDING THAT IT IS SUBJECT TO CONGRESSIONAL APPROVAL. WHETHER THIS UNDERSTANDING IS TO BE WRITTEN OR ORAL IS QUESTION I FEEL SHOULD BE MINE TO ANSWER IN CONTEXT OF ANY FINAL DISCUSSIONS WITH FONMIN.

4. FOREIGN MINISTER AND I DISCUSSED CONTEXT OF SIGNING AT SOME LENGTH AND WE HAVE DECIDED ON SIMPLE EXCHANGE OF NOTES "A" AND "B" BETWEEN US, WITH LEASE AMENDMENT LETTER TO COME FROM CO, ADMIN SUPPORT UNIT, AND REPLY FROM MINISTER OF WORKS, POWER AND WATER. THERE WILL BE NO FANFARE AND NO SIGNING CEREMONY. FONMIN SAID HE PLANNED GIVE PRESS RELEASE TO LOCAL PRINT MEDIA DAY AFTER NOTES AND LETTERS EXCHANGED.

5. UNLESS SOME ELEMENTS OF FOREGOING UNACCEPTABLE TO DEPT OR DOD I PLAN TO PROCEED WITH EXCHANGE OF NOTES AND LETTERS, PROBABLY DATING NOTE A JUNE 27 AND OTHER TWO DOCUMENTS JUNE 28. FULL TEXTS FOLLOW.

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6. NEW TEXT FOR PRESS RELEASE. QUOTE: AS A RESULT OF RECENT DISCUSSIONS BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENTS OF BAHRAIN AND THE UNITED STATES, THE TWO GOVERNMENTS HAVE AGREED TO TERMINATE, EFFECTIVE JUNE 30, 1977, THE ARRANGEMENTS UNDER WHICH THE U.S. MIDDLE EAST FORCE HAS MAINTAINED CERTAIN FACILITIES IN BAHRAIN. THE TWO GOVERNMENTS ANTICIPATE THAT THE U.S. MIDDLE EAST FORCE'S VESSELS WILL VISIT BAHRAIN FROM TIME TO TIME, JUST AS THEY WILL CONTINUE TO VISIT OTHER FRIENDLY REGIONAL PORTS. THE TWO GOVERNMENTS HAVE AGREED THAT THE UNITED STATES WILL RETAIN IN BAHRAIN THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE SCHOOL AND AN OFFICE TO PROVIDE ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT FOR IT AS WELL AS FOR OCCASIONAL U.S. NAVY VISITS. THESE ARRANGEMENTS REFLECT THE CONTINUING FRIENDSHIP BETWEEN THE STATE OF BAHRAIN AND THE UNITED STATES. UNQUOTE.

7. TEXT OF NOTE A. QUOTE

EXCELLENCY:

IN RESPONSE TO YOUR EXCELLENCY'S LETTER OF AUGUST 12, 1975, IN WHICH YOU CONVEYED TO THE

GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES THE DECISION OF THE  
GOVERNMENT OF THE STATE OF BAHRAIN TO TERMINATE, AS  
OF JUNE 30, 1977, THE AGREEMENT OF DECEMBER 23, 1971,  
CONCERNING THE DEPLOYMENT IN BAHRAIN OF THE UNITED  
STATES MIDDLE EAST FORCE, AND FOLLOWING OUR RECENT  
DISCUSSIONS CONCERNING THE POSITION OF MIDDLE EAST  
FORCE IN BAHRAIN, I HAVE THE HONOR TO REFER TO THE  
CONCLUSIONS REACHED IN THOSE DISCUSSIONS, AS FOLLOWS:

1. THE AGREEMENT OF DECEMBER 23, 1971, BETWEEN  
OUR TWO GOVERNMENTS WILL BE TERMINATED.
2. THE UNITED STATES MIDDLE EAST FORCE WILL NO  
LONGER BE DEPLOYED IN BAHRAIN AND ITS FLAGSHIP  
AND PERSONNEL WILL NO LONGER BE HOMEPORTED IN  
BAHRAIN.

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3. PARAGRAPHS 1 AND 2 ABOVE WILL BE EFFECTIVE  
AS OF JUNE 30, 1977.

IF THE FOREGOING IS ACCEPTABLE TO THE GOVERNMENT OF BAHRAIN, I HAVE THE HONOR TO PROPOSE THAT THIS NOTE AND YOUR NOTE IN REPLY CONFIRMING ITS ACCEPTANCE WILL CONSTITUTE AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN OUR RESPECTIVE GOVERNMENTS REGARDING THIS MATTER.

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8. TEXT OF NOTE B.

QUOTE

EXCELLENCY:

I HAVE THE HONOR TO REFER TO RECENT DISCUSSIONS  
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BETWEEN OUR TWO GOVERNMENTS CULMINATING IN THE AGREEMENT OF JUNE , 1977, TO TERMINATE AS OF JUNE 30, 1977, THE AGREEMENT OF DECEMBER 23, 1971, CONCERNING THE DEPLOYMENT IN BAHRAIN OF THE UNITED STATES MIDDLE EAST FORCE. MY GOVERNMENT PROPOSES THAT THE PROVISIONS OF ARTICLE TWO AND ARTICLES FOUR THROUGH TWELVE (AS AMENDED HEREIN) OF THE TERMINATED AGREEMENT OF DECEMBER 23, 1971, AND PROCEDURES FOR IMPLEMENTING ARTICLES EIGHT AND ELEVEN THEREOF, AS CONTAINED IN THE EXCHANGE OF NOTES BETWEEN OUR TWO GOVERNMENTS OF JULY 31, 1975, SHALL NEVERTHELESS CONTINUE TO BE APPLIED BY BAHRAINI AUTHORITIES IN THE COURSE OF DEALING WITH THE STATUS OF THOSE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE PERSONNEL WHO MAY RESIDE IN OR VISIT BAHRAIN AFTER JUNE 30, 1977, FOR PURPOSES RELATED TO THE FUNCTIONS OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT UNIT.

MY GOVERNMENT FURTHER PROPOSES THAT WHEREVER THE PHRASE "UNITED STATES FORCE" APPEARS IN THE AFOREMENTIONED ARTICLES, THE PHRASE "ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT UNIT" BE SUBSTITUTED. IN ADDITION, ARTICLES FOUR AND TWELVE SHOULD BE AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS:

"(4). PASSPORT AND VISA REQUIREMENTS SHALL BE APPLICABLE TO PERSONNEL OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT UNIT WITH THE EXCEPTION OF THE PERSONNEL ABOARD U.S. VESSELS AND AIRCRAFT VISITING BAHRAIN, WHO WILL BE FURNISHED WITH APPROPRIATE IDENTIFICATION WHICH SHALL BE PRODUCED, UPON DEMAND, TO THE APPROPRIATE AUTHORITIES OF THE GOVERNMENT OF BAHRAIN. PERSONNEL OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT UNIT WILL BE EXEMPT FROM REGISTRATION AND CONTROL AS ALIENS, BUT WILL NOT BY REASON OF THEIR ENTRY INTO BAHRAIN BE REGARDED AS ACQUIRING ANY RIGHTS TO PERMANENT RESIDENCE IN BAHRAIN."

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"(12). THE TERM "PERSONNEL OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT UNIT" MEANS U.S. DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE PERSONNEL WHO MAY RESIDE IN OR VISIT BAHRAIN AFTER JUNE 30, 1977, FOR PURPOSES RELATED TO THE FUNCTIONS OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT UNIT, INCLUDING DEPENDENTS, AND INCLUDING PERSONNEL ABOARD SHIPS AND AIRCRAFT VISITING BAHRAIN SUPPORTED BY THE ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT UNIT, BUT EXCLUDING INDIGENOUS BAHRAINI NATIONALS AND OTHER PERSONS ORDINARILY RESIDENT IN BAHRAIN TERRITORY, PROVIDED THAT SUCH NATIONALS OR OTHER PERSONS ARE NOT DEPENDENTS OF MEMBERS OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT UNIT."

MY GOVERNMENT FURTHER PROPOSES THAT OUR TWO GOVERNMENTS ENTER INTO ADMINISTRATIVE ARRANGEMENTS WHICH WILL CONFIRM THE AUTHORIZATION OF YOUR GOVERNMENT FOR VISITS OF U. S. VESSELS AND AIRCRAFT TO BAHRAIN AND FOR ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT OF DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE PERSONNEL IN BAHRAIN FOR PURPOSES RELATED TO THE FUNCTIONS OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT UNIT, AND WHICH WILL PROVIDE FOR COMPENSATION TO BAHRAIN IN CONSIDERATION OF THESE ARRANGEMENTS. IF THE FOREGOING IS ACCEPTABLE TO THE GOVERNMENT OF BAHRAIN, I HAVE THE HONOR TO PROPOSE THAT THIS NOTE AND YOUR NOTE IN REPLY CONFIRMING ITS ACCEPTANCE WILL CONSTITUTE AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN OUR TWO GOVERNMENTS REGARDING THIS MATTER.

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9. TEXT OF LEASE LETTER

QUOTE

HIS EXCELLENCY  
MAJID AL JISHI  
MINISTER OF PUBLIC WORKS, ELECTRICITY, AND WATER  
GOVERNMENT OF BAHRAIN  
MANAMA

YOUR EXCELLENCY:

AS A RESULT OF A RECENT DECISION TAKEN JOINTLY BY OUR  
TWO GOVERNMENTS, COMMANDER MIDDLE EAST FORCE IS CUR-  
RENTLY IN THE PROCESS OF MAKING MAJOR MODIFICATIONS IN  
HIS OPERATIONAL PATTERN, SO THAT THE COMMAND AND FLAG-  
SHIP WILL NO LONGER BE HOMEPORTED IN BAHRAIN. THESE

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CHANGES, IN TURN, WILL ALTER THE CHARACTER OF THE U.S.  
DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE PRESENCE IN BAHRAIN. FOR INSTANCE,  
AS PART OF THIS PROCESS AND BETTER TO REFLECT ITS PURPOSE,  
HE TITLE OF THE SHORE INSTALLATION IS BEING CHANGED TO  
ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT UNIT, BAHRAIN, AND I HAVE BEEN  
DESIGNATED ITS COMMANDING OFFICER. ACCORDINGLY IT IS  
APPROPRIATE TO MODIFY THE EXISTING LEASE TO REFLECT THE  
REALITIES OF THIS NEW SITUATION.

THEREFORE, IN ACCORDANCE WITH OUR PREVIOUS DISCUSSIONS,  
I PROPOSE THE FOLLOWING AMENDMENTS TO THE LEASE AGREEMENT,  
NOY (R)-64590, BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AND  
THE GOVERNMENT OF BAHRAIN DATED 1ST JANUARY 1972 AND THE  
AMENDMENTS THERETO APPROVED BY YOU ON 28 FEBRUARY 1976.

SUBSTITUTE THE TITLE "MINISTER OF PUBLIC WORKS, ELECTRICITY,  
AND WATER" FOR MINISTER OF DEVELOPMENT AND ENGINEERING"  
WHEREVER IT APPEARS.

SUBSTITUTE THE TITLE "COMMANDING OFFICER ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT UNIT, BAHRAIN", FOR "COMMANDER MIDDLE EAST FORCE" WHERE APPEARING IN FIRST PARAGRAPH, ARTICLE VII AND ARTICLE XII.

SUBSTITUTE FOR THE LANGUAGE OF ARTICLE III THE FOLLOWING:

"FOR THE TWELVE MONTH PERIOD 1 JULY 1977 AND ENDING 30 JUNE 1978 AND FOR EACH TWELVE MONTH PERIOD THIS LEASE IS IN EFFECT THEREAFTER, THE U.S.A. SHALL PAY THE GOVERNMENT OF THE STATE OF BAHRAIN RENTAL FOR THE USE OF SAID PREMISES OF \$2,000,000.00 ANNUALLY. THE U.S.A. SHALL PAY TO THE G.S.B. RENTAL ANNUALLY IN ADVANCE BY CHECK IN U.S. DOLLARS."

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SUBSTITUTE THE FOLLOWING FOR THE LANGUAGE OF ARTICLE IV:

"THIS LEASE SHALL BE RENEWED FOR THE PERIOD 1 JULY 1977 TO 30 JUNE 1978. THEREAFTER, SUBJECT TO ARTICLE XIII HEREOF, AS AMENDED, THIS LEASE MAY BE FURTHER RENEWED ON THE SAME TERMS AND CONDITIONS AS HEREIN SPECIFIED, FROM YEAR TO YEAR AT THE OPTION OF THE U.S.A. BY GIVING TO THE G.S.B. SIX (6) MONTHS WRITTEN NOTICE OF ITS INTENTION TO EXERCISE SUCH OPTION OF RENEWAL."

DELETE THE FOLLOWING FROM THE FIRST SENTENCE OF ARTICLE X:

"...AND THE G.S.B. SHALL REFUND TO THE U.S.A. THE PRORATED PORTION OF ANY ADVANCE PAYMENT MADE WITH RESPECT TO SUCH PREMISES..."

ARTICLE XIII SHOULD BE AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS: "THE G.S.B. MAY TERMINATE THIS LEASE AT THE END OF ANY LEASE TERM BY GIVING THE U.S.A. WRITTEN NOTICE OF SUCH INTENT WITHIN 60 DAYS AFTER RECEIPT OF NOTICE FROM THE U.S.A. OF THE U.S.A.'S INTENT TO RENEW THE LEASE FOR AN ADDITIONAL YEAR. UPON EXERCISE OF THIS OPTION BY THE G.S.B. THE LEASE SHALL TERMINATE ON 30 JUNE OF THE YEAR IN WHICH THE TERMINATION NOTICE WAS GIVEN AND EVERYTHING HEREIN CONTAINED SHALL CEASE AND BE VOID BUT WITHOUT PREJUDICE TO THE RIGHTS AND REMEDIES OF EITHER PARTY AGAINST THE OTHER IN RESPECT OF ANY ANTECEDENT CLAIM OR BREACH OF COVENANT."

ARTICLE XVI SHOULD BE DELETED IN ITS ENTIRETY.

SUBSTITUTE THE FOLLOWING FOR THE PRESENT TEXT OF ANNEX A OF THE LEASE:

"ANNEX A

1. THAT CERTAIN PART OF FORMER HMS JUFAIR, CONTAINING  
10 ACRES OF LAND, MORE OR LESS, TOGETHER WITH ALL BUILDINGS,  
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IMPROVEMENTS, AND FIXTURES THEREON, AS SHOWN IN EXHIBIT "A"  
ATTACHED HERETO AND MADE A PART HEREOF.

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2. NON-EXCLUSIVE USE OF THE SMALL BOAT BASIN, TO-  
GETHER WITH THE NON-EXCLUSIVE USE OF LAND AREA IN THE  
VICINITY OF THE SMALL BOAT BASIN AS SHOWN IN EXHIBIT "B"  
ATTACHED HERETO AND MADE A PART HEREOF.

3. NON-EXCLUSIVE USE OF BERTH NUMBER 1 AT THE MINA  
SULMAN PIER ON A PRIORITY BASIS, FOR NOT MORE THAN THREE  
VESSELS PER VISIT, FOR PERIOD TALLING NOT LESS THAN  
ONE HUNDRED TWENTY (120) DAYS OF EACH TWELVE MONTH PERIOD.  
G.S.B. WILL ENDEAVOR TO ARRANGE FOR SUCH USE OF BERTH  
NUMBER 1 FOR FURTHER PERIODS IN EACH TWELVE MONTHS IF  
REQUESTED BY THE U.S.G. AND DETERMINED ACCEPTABLE BY THE



G.S.B. THE FINAL DECISION OF WHETHER TO GRANT SUCH REQUESTS WILL REMAIN WITH THE G.S.B. U.S. NAVY VESSELS WILL BE PERMITTED TO ANCHOR IN THE PORT OF BAHRAIN FOR REASONABLE PERIODS, FOLLOWING ADVANCE NOTICE TO THE G.S.B., IN ACCORDANCE WITH G.S.B. REGULATIONS.

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4. UNRESTRICTED LANDING RIGHTS AT BAHRAIN INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT FOR THE SINGLE AIRCRAFT ASSIGNED TO THE COMMANDING OFFICER, ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT UNIT, BAHRAIN, AND FOR AIRCRAFT ATTACHED TO U.S. NAVY SHIPS VISITING THE PORT OF BAHRAIN. OFFICE AND STOWAGE SPACE WILL BE FURNISHED FOR THE AFORESAID AIRCRAFT CREW OF THE COMMANDING OFFICER, ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT UNIT, BAHRAIN, TOGETHER WITH THE USE OF THE LOADING SCALES. SAID SPACE AND USE OF LOADING SCALES SHALL BE AS ARRANGED WITH THE G.S.B., CIVIL AVIATION DIRECTORATE AND COSTS THEREOF SHALL BE INCLUDED IN ARTICLE III OF THE BASIC LEASE AGREEMENT. MILITARY AIRLIFT COMMAND (MAC) AIRCRAFT NOT TO EXCEED AN ANNUAL AVERAGE OF 36 FLIGHTS PER CALENDAR QUARTER MAY ALSO MAKE USE OF BAHRAIN INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT IN SUPPORT OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT UNIT, BAHRAIN. MILITARY AIRLIFT COMMAND (MAC) SUPPORT FLIGHTS ARE NOT TO INCLUDE ANY COMBAT AIRCRAFT AND WILL ONLY BE USED FOR THE PURPOSE OF DELIVERING CARGO. ALL SUCH USE SHALL BE FREE FROM CHARGES, SUCH AS LANDING OR PARKING FEES AND OVERFLIGHT OR AIR NAVIGATION CHARGES.

5. THE BUILDINGS AND APPURTENANCES SITUATED AT BAHRAIN INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT FOR THE USE AS OFFICE AND STOWAGE FACILITIES FOR THE COMMAND OFFICER, ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT UNIT, BAHRAIN, AVIATION COMPONENT AS SHOWN ON EXHIBIT "C" ATTACHED HERETO AND MADE A PART HEREOF OR OTHER OFFICE FACILITIES AS MAY BE LATER AGREED TO WITH G.S.B., CIVIL AVIATION DIRECTORATE AND COSTS THEREOF SHALL BE INCLUDED IN ARTICLE III OF THE BASIC LEASE AGREEMENT.

6. UNRESTRICTED INGRESS AND EGRESS TO THE AFORESAID FACILITIES, AS STIPULATED HEREIN."

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IN ARTICLE VII OF THE LEASE, SUBSTITUTE THE CLAUSE "PARAGRAPHS 1 AND 5" FOR THE CLAUSE "PARAGRAPHS 1, 2, 3, AND 7" WHERE APPEARING TO REFLECT THE ABOVE CHANGES TO ANNEX

A.

IF THE FOREGOING IS ACCEPTABLE TO THE GOVERNMENT OF BAHRAIN,  
I PROPOSE THAT THIS LETTER AND YOUR LETTER REPLY CONFIRMING  
ACCEPTANCE SHALL CONSTITUTE AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN  
OUR TWO GOVERNMENTS RESPECTING THIS MATTER.

SINCERELY,

RICHARD E. HARRELL  
LT. COMMANDER, U.S.N.  
COMMANDING OFFICER,  
ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT UNIT,  
BAHRAIN

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